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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE  
Appl. No.: 09/909,860  
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Examiner: S. Ebrahimi Dehkordy  
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**LETTER TO EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file upon allowance the undersigned has noted that there is no indication in the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 4, 2005 of receipt of the Supplemental Reply filed on August 5, 2005. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Ebrahimi-Dehkordy, Examiner Ebrahimi-Dehkordy acknowledged that the U.S. Patent Office electronic files do not include a copy of the Supplemental Reply. For the convenience of the Examiner, applicant submits herewith a copy of the Supplemental Reply, Transmittal, and date stamped postcard indicating receipt by the U.S. Patent Office of the Supplemental Reply and Transmittal.

Applicant further notes that the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 4, 2005 indicates claims 1-15 are allowed, but does not address claims 16-18 which are also pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Supplemental Notice Allowability indicating that claims 1-18 are allowed, and acknowledging receipt of the Supplemental Reply filed on August 5, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 7, 2006

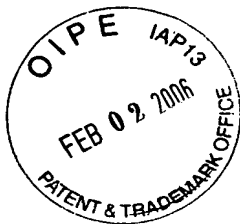
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- Supplemental Reply Transmittal (2 pgs.);
- Supplemental Reply (6 pgs.).

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